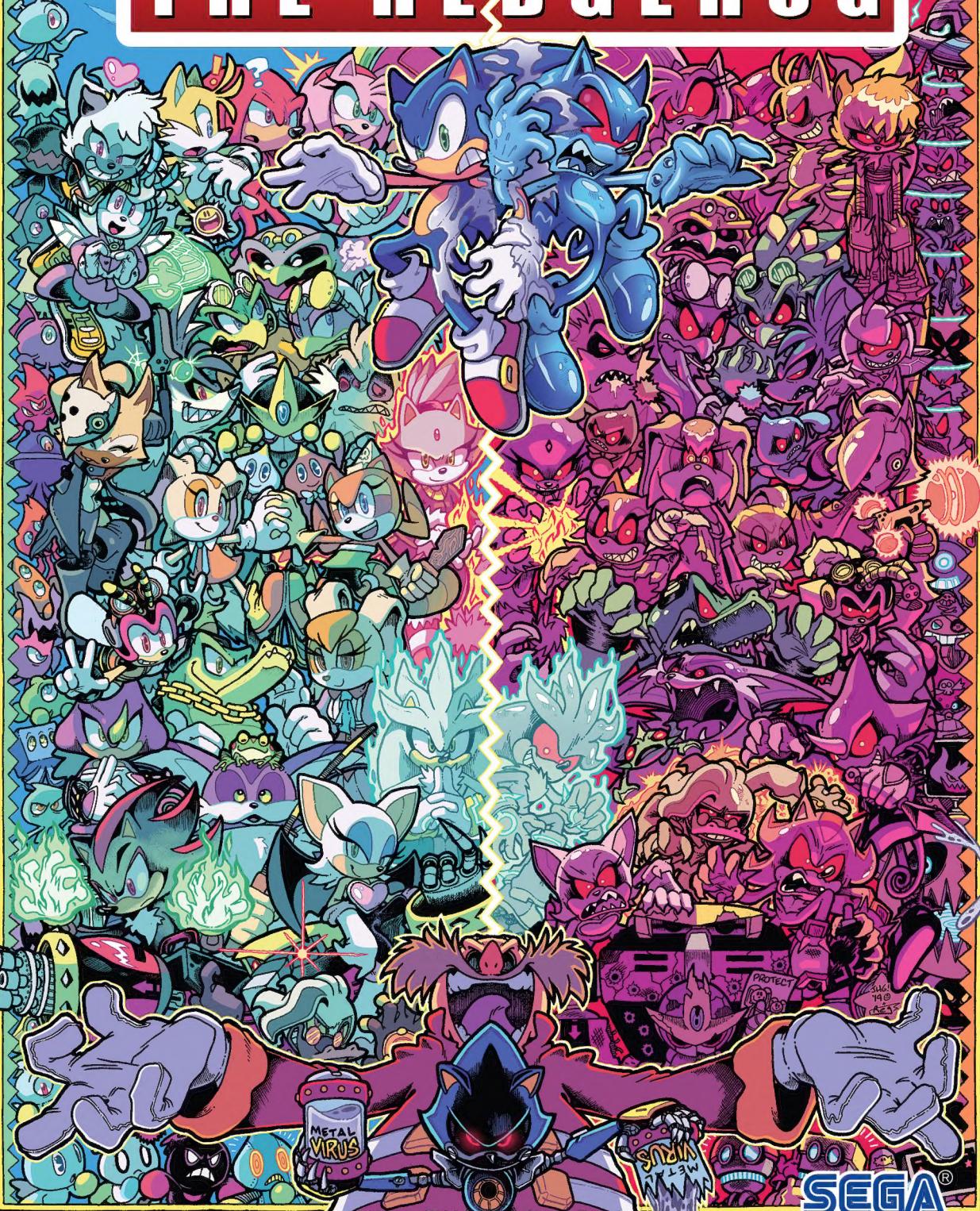


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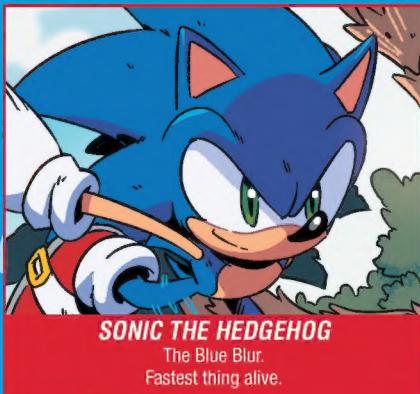


STORY SO FAR...

Dr. Eggman has unleashed a Metal Virus capable of infecting living organic matter and turning it into zombie-like robots (Zombots) that can infect others and that respond only to his command. As the Metal Virus spreads, cities and heroes—including Sonic himself—have been infected.

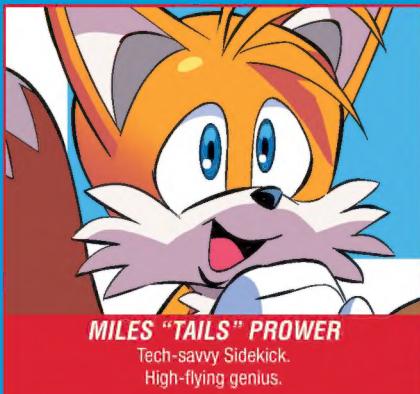
Now, the Restoration is in their darkest hour. Tails discovered—and lost—the cure. Restoration HQ has fallen. Sonic has learned that the Zombots are out of Dr. Eggman's control. The world's nearly fallen completely victim to the Metal Virus, and now Tangle's home of Spiral Hill Village is infected, too...

ROLL CALL



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



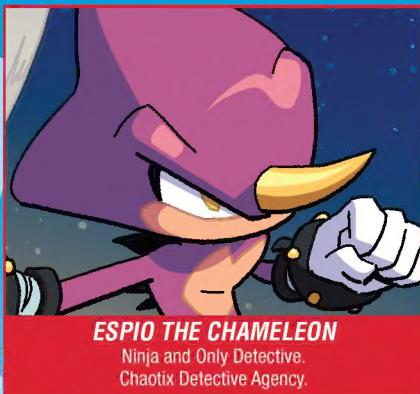
MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



CREAM THE RABBIT

Gentle Heroine.
Still in shock.



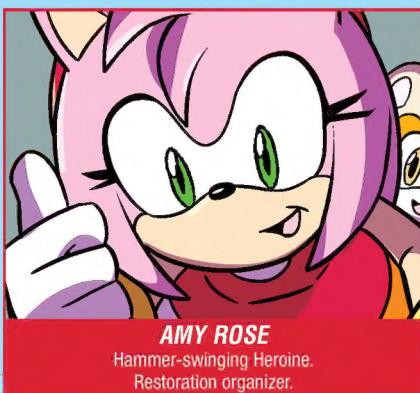
ESPIO THE CHAMELEON

Ninja and Only Detective.
Chaotix Detective Agency.



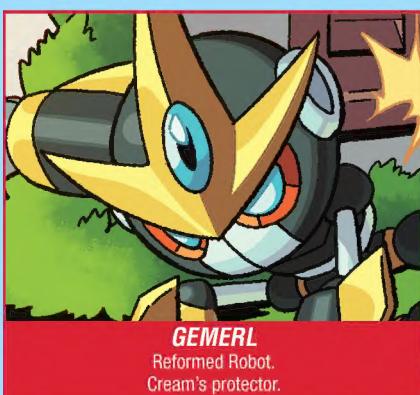
WHISPER THE WOLF

Silent Sniper.
Variable-wispon master.



AMY ROSE

Hammer-swinging Heroine.
Restoration organizer.



GEMERL

Reformed Robot.
Cream's protector.



TANGLE THE LEMUR

Excitable Hero.
Elastic-tailed brawler.







AMY AND GEMERL ARE WATCHING THE ESCAPE SHUTTLE. GEMERL IS SCANNING EVERYONE TO MAKE SURE THEY AREN'T INFECTED.

TAILS AND CREAM ARE AIRLIFTING ANYONE THEY CAN FIND.

LAST I HEARD, SILVER WAS MANAGING ICE PARADISE ON HIS OWN.



HEH. OUR NUMBERS HAVE GROWN THIN.

THAT LEAVES ME, TANGLE, AND WHISPER TO CONTAIN THE ZOMBOTS.



WE FOUND CHARMY. WE THOUGHT WE HAD HIM CONTAINED. I KNEW BETTER. I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET VECTOR BRING HIM BACK TO RESTORATION HQ. IT'S MY FAULT...

NO, MAN, YOU CAN'T...

JUST LIKE I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET YOU CONVINCE ME TO LEAVE EGGMAN IN WINDMILL VILLAGE.

SO—WHAT? WE HAVE TO ASSUME THE WORST ABOUT EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING? SHOW NO MERCY TO ANYONE? NO SECOND CHANCES?

THAT WAS MR. TINKER.
WE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING STARLINE WOULD TURN HIM BACK INTO EGGMAN.

AND IF WE HAD DEALT WITH HIM THEN, WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO WORRY.

THERE ARE PEOPLE TO SAVE.

RIGHT. SEE YOU AT THE SHUTTLE.











AMY'S CALLING FOR RETREAT.
BUT THE MINUTE WE STOP
CAUSING A RUCKUS ALL
OVER TOWN...

THE
ZOMBOTS
WILL HEAD FOR
THE BIG, NOISY
SHUTTLE.
NOT GOOD.

THEY BLOCKED EVERYTHING
OFF EXCEPT ONE AVENUE.
ANY IDEAS ON HOW TO PLUG
THE BOTTLENECK?

I
SURE
DO!

STEP
ONE! YOU
PICK ME
UP.

STEP TWO!
I WRAP MY
TAIL AROUND
ONE OF THE
LAMPPOSTS!

STEP THREE! YOU WIND US
BETWEEN THE LAMPPOSTS
AND USE MY TAIL AS A
TRIPWIRE!

YEAH, THAT
COULD WORK.
EXCEPT FOR—
Y'KNOW—YOU
GETTING
INFECTED!





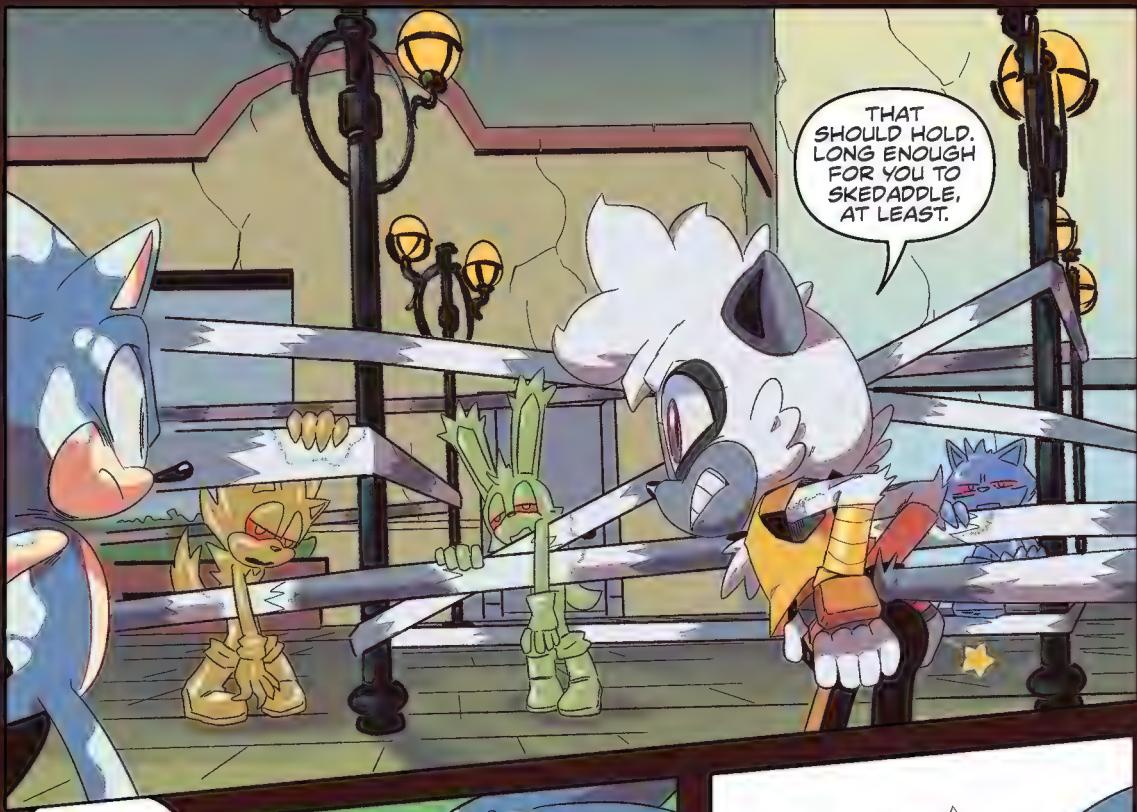
POW





WOO-HOO!

OKAY-
OKAY-OKAY!
NO MORE!
YOU'RE GONNA
PULL MY
BUTT OFF!













LATER—
ABOARD THE
FACESHIP.

DOCTOR, I HAVE
FOUND A SOLUTION TO
THE ONGOING PROBLEM
OF NOT BEING ABLE
TO CONTROL THE
ZOMBOTS.

I TOLD YOU
I'D FIGURE
SOMETHING OUT.
QUIT PESTERING
ME ABOUT IT!

NO,
SIR, I
INSIST.

NEXT TIME:
**FROM
BAD TO
WORSE!**



SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Squad! Wow. Just... wow. Tangle did something immensely brave and proved she's a hero. Here's hoping that Sonic and the team can find a cure soon. Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Adam Bryce Thomas, Bracardi Curry, and Shawn Lee in "The Last One Out". Now as we eagerly await what happens next and the arrival of the Deadly Six, let's take a look at your art and letters!

Dear IDW,

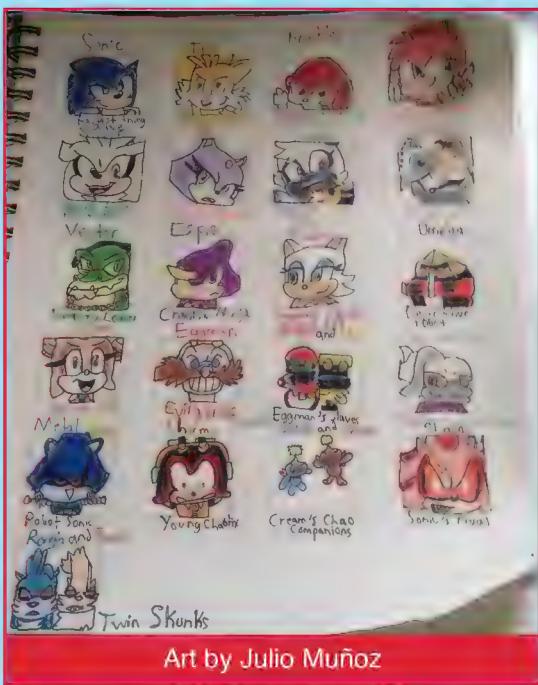
I'm 11 years old and live in the Dominican Republic. I've been a Sonic fan since I was 5 years old. I've kept the fanning up to date. When the IDW comics came, I was desperate to have them.

I saw I could give fan art, so here I am. By the way, how did you choose who was affected by the Metal Virus? And why those characters? Those are my questions for now.

Hope the Metal Virus has a cure later on. Note: this art was made before issue 22 was out, so this means I didn't get to see Charmy as a Zombot, Vector hadn't sacrificed himself, and Vanilla hadn't been infected.

P.S. this was sent by my uncle, Stan Scoggins.

Sincerely,
Julio Muñoz



Art by Julio Muñoz

Hi Julio,

Thank your Uncle Stan for us for—we know he sends you the issues and it's way past cool that he encourages your reading! We love your roll call! You really captured everyone's personalities! Plus, it's nice to see folks like Knuckles and Blaze who haven't been around for a while! We also hope that the Metal Virus has a cure later on, but guess we'll have to wait and see...

As per your question on how we chose who was infected, actually, Tangle's infection in this issue was the very first one that we had in mind. A long time ago, before the first issue of the series was out, Ian Flynn pitched us on the Metal Virus story with this issue in particular and the dramatic Tangle extending her tail bit. Then, as the rest of the story was being developed and other things changed in the course of the book, who became infected and when just fell into place!

Hiya IDW!

I've been a fan of Sonic ever since I was at least 3 years old, and have always loved the franchise to death! And while I only got into the comics recently, they are probably my favorite thing the franchise has to offer! Last issue really tugged my heartstrings, makes me hope everyone gets a good ending after all they have gone through.

With both the Zombots and soon to be the Zeti the gang has to deal with, it's bound to be a tough battle ahead, but I hope the gang can pull through and beat all who oppose them!

I hope you enjoy my fanart!

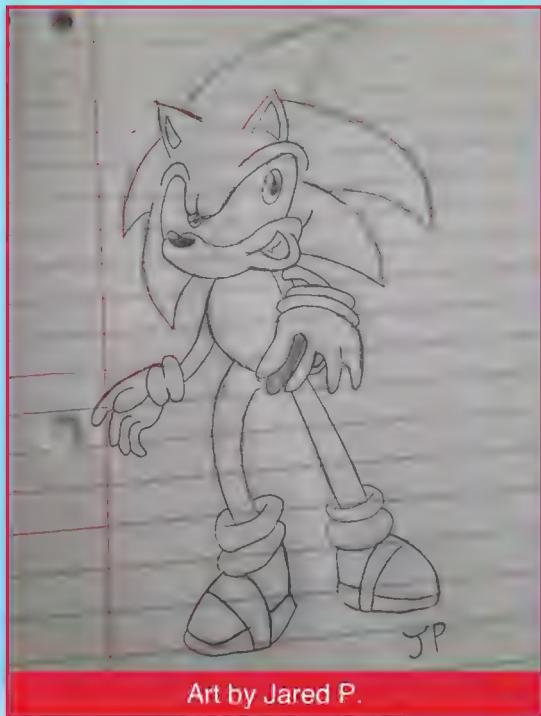
Sincerely
Jared P.

Hi Jared,

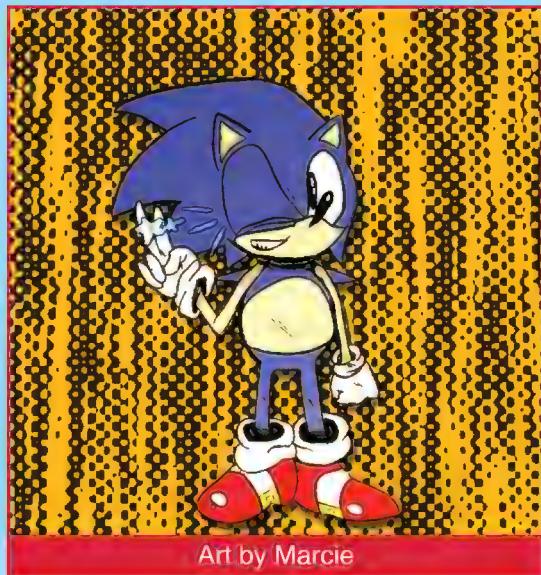
Well, as you can see, the tugging on heartstrings and threat of the Zombots and Zeti aren't over yet! Yeah, the gang's going to have a tough time ahead, but they've dealt with tough times before! If you're excited for more Zeti action, the Deadly Six will take center stage in the next issue, and it wouldn't be a big issue if we didn't bring in some help for the heroes too! The drama and suspense just keep getting better! Also, your fan art was really cool! Thanks for sharing!

Hi there, IDW Sonic gang!

I've been thoroughly enjoying the comic thus far, it's hard to imagine we're already pretty much through its second year of publication. I've been really enjoying the latest arc, and I particularly love



Art by Jared P.



Art by Marcie



Art by Wyatt Futa-Muisse

how much organic development all of the familiar characters I love have been receiving. I've been a Sonic fan since age 5, and I'm currently 23 years old, haha. You guys' book is one of the few things that keep me looking forward to each new month, and I'm super excited to keep following it as long as it goes.

Best of wishes,
Marcie

Hi Marcie!

Very glad to hear you've been enjoying the comic and have been a fan for so long! One of the things we strive for with the series is to make it enjoyable for people who've been Sonic fans for a few days and people who've been Sonic fans for years! And giving characters the time to show who they are and who they could be is really important to us. We're glad you are also so excited to pick up each issue! Also, you make a really good point: We're basically through our second year (2020 here we come), and for that, we have a special announcement! Check it out!

Hey Sonic Squad! Before we wrap up this letters column, wanted to let you know that things will look a little different in the future! Issue #25—out in January 2020, is a really big deal for us, it represents two years worth of publishing and is a milestone issue in a lot of ways. As such, we're making it an extra-length issue with more story content for you, and we'll be giving the book a little bit of a redesign! All of your favorite features will still be here—the roll call, the story so far, the letters, but with a new design that celebrates the comics we've been making and the artists who work so hard on them! Can't wait for you all to see it!

For now, thanks for joining us, Squad! Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next issue is best described by the title: "A Sudden Shift"!

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TOWNSVILLE SLUM ROW ALLEY
VOTED #1 IN CRIME
20 YEARS RUNNING

SODA

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MURPHS





LOOK, WE ALL KNOW WHY WE'RE HERE! IT'S THOSE ACCURSED POWERPUFF GIRLS!

THOSE PUNYPUFFS HAVE MADE IT NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCOMPLISH ANY SUPERVILLAINY IN THIS TOWN!

AGREED. THOSE TACKY LITTLE TWERPS KEEP RUINING EACH OF MINE AND BARBIE'S PLANS! AND OUR OUTFITS!

GRUNT.

SO WE'RE AGREED. WE'LL TEAM UP AND TAKE DOWN THE POWERPUFF GIRLS ONCE AND FOR ALL!

BUT WHO'S GONNA BE OUR LEADER?

SIMPLE. WE'LL PUT IT TO A VOTE: WHO THINKS THEY SHOULD BE THE LEADER OF OUR SUPER TEAM OF SUPER EVIL?

ME!

OK, MAYBE IT'S NOT SO SIMPLE.



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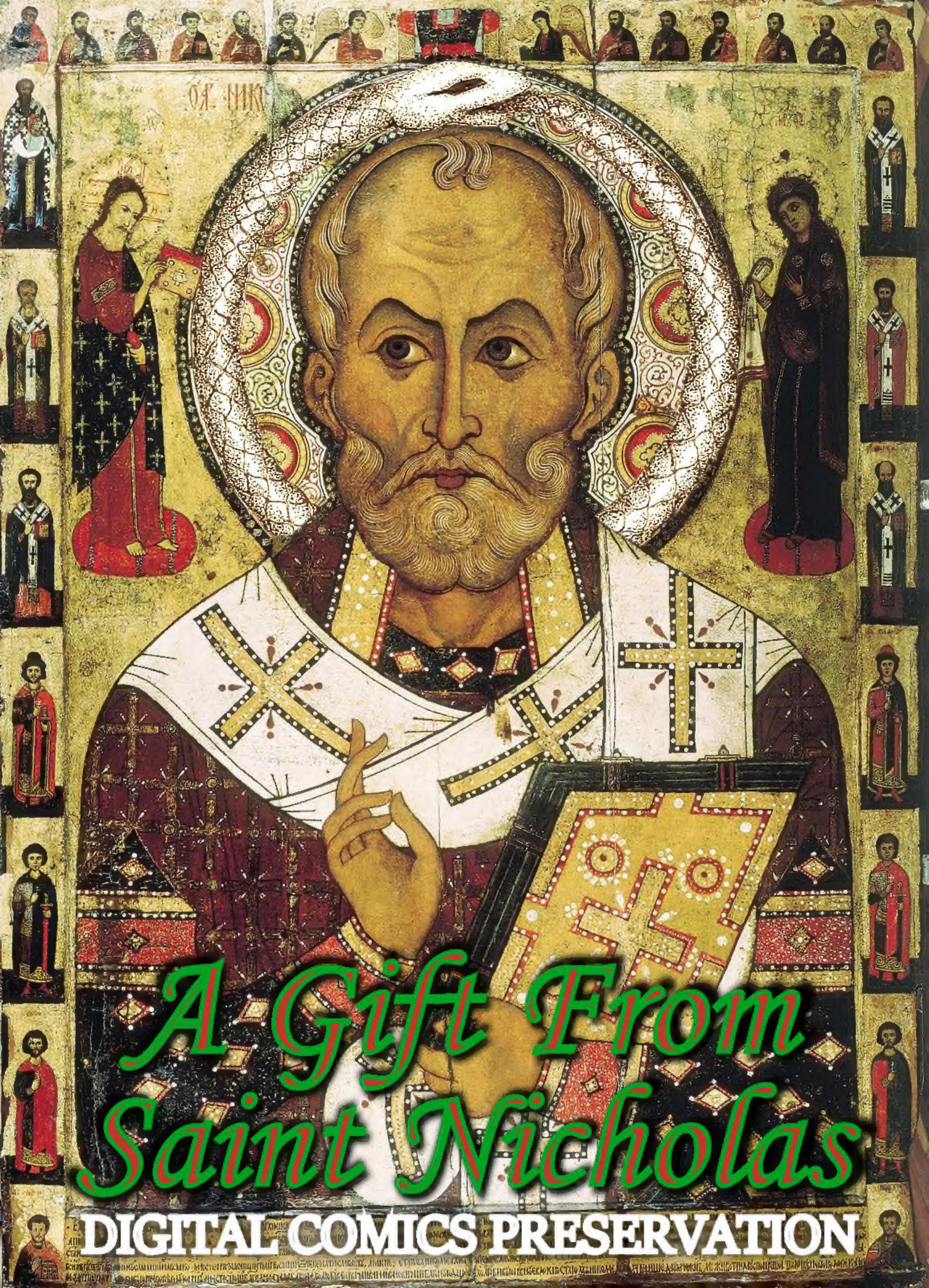


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